

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING IMAGES****CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is related to the following Patent Applications: US Patent Application Serial No. 10/661001 filed September 10, 2003, entitled "Printing Digital Documents" (HP reference 200207150-1; Attorney docket 621239-6); US Patent Application Serial No. 10/660323 filed September 10, 2003, entitled "Location Patterns And Methods And Apparatus For Generating Such Patterns" (HP reference 200310542-1; Attorney docket 621241-9); US Patent Application Serial No. 10/660324 filed September 10, 2003, also entitled "Location Patterns And Methods And Apparatus For Generating Such Patterns" (HP reference 200310543-1; Attorney docket 621242-7); British Patent Application No. GB 2003 0021164 filed September 10, 2003, entitled "Methods, apparatus and software for printing location pattern" (HP reference 200300566-1; Attorney docket JL3824); and, British Patent Application No. GB 2003 0021168 filed September 10, 2003, entitled "Printing of documents with position identification pattern" (HP reference 200310132-1; Attorney docket ASW1329).

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to methods and apparatus for generating position identifying pattern, which can be detected by a suitable detection system. The pattern may be applied to a product such as a document, which may be a form, label or note pad, or any other form of product suitable for such marking, such as a packaging product.

**BACKGROUND TO THE INVENTION**